

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

General Alfred M. Gruenther, USA
 Supreme Commander
 Allied Powers Europe
 Paris, France

Dear Al:

Many thanks for your letter of 15 July regarding Colonel [redacted]. Both Bedell Smith and Bob Murphy speak quite favorably of him, and we are looking into our possible use of his talents. However, we are limited by law to 15 spaces for longevity retired military personnel, and it may not be possible for us to use him. I enclose a set of forms which we would like to have Colonel [redacted] complete. If he is remaining for a while in France, we would like them sent to us. Should he be returning soon, I would appreciate it if he could bring these forms to my office. I expect to be in Europe next month, but Mr. [redacted] my Executive Assistant, will take care of him when he comes to Headquarters.

I appreciate your bringing Colonel [redacted] to my attention. I hope we shall have a chat when I get to Paris. The timing is not yet firm, but I will let you know.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
 Director

Enclosure

O/DCI [redacted] (22 July 55)

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Mr. Dulles:

25X1 General Smith advises that he does recall Colonel [redacted] that he did do several jobs for him and did them well.

25X1 Bob Murphy says [redacted] worked for him for about three years and he holds him in high regard.

25X1 Col. [redacted] qualifications on paper look good. Since he is scheduled to retire on 31 July, if we want him we have two alternatives: 1) request the Department of the Army to recall him to active duty. To date we have had no trouble in doing this; 2) place him in one of our exempted slots (the status of this is: 11 occupied, 1 being held for possible assignment of an Air Force Officer to the Board of National Estimates, 1 being held for emergency, 2 true vacancies.)

25X1 Since Col. [redacted] comes so highly recommended, suggest that: 1) we send an interim reply to General Gruenthal; 2) the attached paper be turned over to DD/P for consideration as to where he might be used.

You may wish to mention this at the Deputies' Meeting on Friday, 22 July.

JSE